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MAN FOUND GUILTY ON DRUG AND FIREARMS CHARGES

On July 13, 2005, in United States District Court, Saleem Lake (DOB: 10/7/1973 of 8824 South Lowe, Chicago) was found guilty after a federal jury trial of: (1) possessing with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine; (2) possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; (3) being a felon in possession of a firearm; and (4) possessing a firearm with an obliterated serial number. On September 10, 2004, Lake was arrested by Chicago Police Officers of the Tactical Team who were assigned to the 22nd District. The officers arrested Lake after they executed a search warrant at his basement apartment at 8824 South Lowe and found in his bedroom a loaded handgun and 170 individually wrapped plastic bags each containing a rock of crack cocaine.

Lake originally was charged in state court and his case was transferred to federal court as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's office, local law enforcement and federal law enforcement to reduce gun violence. Lake will be sentenced on November 1, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Honorable James F. Holderman, courtroom 2141 of the Dirksen Federal Building.